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In re application of:

Wickenden et al.

Application No.: 09/939,230

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For: METHODS FOR TREATING OR
PREVENTING PAIN AND ANXIETY

Customer No.: 20350

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2003. Applicants petition to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified U.S. patent application for three months from December 26, 2003 to March 26, 2004. A Fee Transmittal authorizing the Commissioner to charge the petition fee to our deposit account is attached. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following remarks.

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